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In re Application of :
Tait, et al. :
Application No. 09/965,025 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 27, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. HALF0R 3.0-001 :

This is a decision on paper titled "PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF AN ABANDONMENT (FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION", filed March 27, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

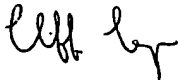
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the final Office action, mailed July 1, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 2, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 12, 2006.

Petitioner argues that the July 1, 2005 Office action was mailed to the incorrect address. The application file reveals that a Power of Attorney was filed on June 21, 2005, directing the Office to address all correspondence to the above address. However, the Power of Attorney was not entered and the July 1, 2005 Office action was mailed to the prior address of record.

In view thereof, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2163 for re-mailing of the July 1, 2005 Office action, setting a new period for reply.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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